

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 470

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend James R. Morrison, Jr., upon being named Senior Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should recognize those citizens who have distinguished themselves as leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy individual is James R. Morrison, Jr., who was recently appointed as the Senior Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Morrison was born in Nashville to James and Ethel Morrison, and he traveled throughout much of Europe and the Far East as the young son of a military family. After graduating from a two-year college in Nashville, he and his new wife, Barbara, moved to Fayetteville, North Carolina, where he began his career in law enforcement before moving back to Rutherford County; and

WHEREAS, having joined the Masonry in 1979, James Morrison became a chartered life member of Tennessee Forest No. 195 of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America in 1998, believing in the organization's cause of bonding the many branches of Freemasonry in fellowship and helping to find a cure for and assist those living with neuromuscular diseases; and

WHEREAS, since his retirement, James Morrison has fully dedicated his time and abilities to the organization's cause, which has led him to be named Grand Tall Cedar of Tennessee Forest No. 195, District Deputy of District 16, Junior Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar, and most recently, Senior Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, as Junior Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar, Mr. Morrison traveled throughout the Cedar Kingdom, meeting with its many Forest members and discussing new and innovative ways to encourage membership growth; and

WHEREAS, in this pursuit, James Morrison was a part of the Supreme Team that instituted Alabama State Forest No. 218. He also attended the Conference of Alabama, Georgia, and South Carolina; the South Eastern Grand Masters Conference in Pigeon Forge; and the Cave Degree in Kingston. He was also a part of meetings with Burlington Forest No. 207, Mark Twain Forest No. 202, Ozark Forest No. 211, and Harry S. Truman Forest No. 212; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Morrison is a member of the Shrine Oasis of Nashville Desert of Tennessee, the Tennessee Lodge of Research, the Scottish Rite, of which he is a Knight of Commander Court of Honor, and many other Masonic organizations; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, James Morrison served as Worshipful Master of his first Lodge in 2004 and of another from 2007 through 2012; and

WHEREAS, it is his work with the Tall Cedars in pursuit of a cure for and prevention of neuromuscular diseases of which he is most proud; and

WHEREAS, James Morrison is a credit to not only the members of his Lodge but to the entire Tall Cedars of Lebanon organization; his appointment as the Senior Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar is well deserved; and

WHEREAS, it is wholly fitting that the members of this General Assembly applaud Mr. Morrison for his outstanding service in this highly regarded charitable organization; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend James R. Morrison, Jr., upon being named Senior Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America and extend our best wishes for much continued success in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.